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SUBJECT: NORDIC COUNTRIES PLEDGE US\$50 MILLION IN AID TO MOZAMBIQUE

1. ON NOVEMBER 7 THE NORDIC COUNTRIES CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT PROVIDING US\$50 MILLION IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT. THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY MOZAMBIQUE'S DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION JOAO COSME AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE NORDIC OFFICE OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, MR. TOM GRONBERG. ACCORDING TO A SWEDISH EMBASSY OFFICIAL, THE ASSISTANCE PACT IS THE LARGEST EVER GIVEN BY THE NORDIC COUNTRIES TO A SINGLE STATE.

2. THE NORDIC ASSISTANCE WILL COVER THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOME 26 PROJECTS OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD. MOST OF THE PROJECTS ARE IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AND WILL INCLUDE NORDIC ASSISTANCE IN FORESTRY, CATTLE-RAISING, VEGETABLE AND CITRUS PRODUCTION AND INLAND WATER FISHING. SOME OF THE ASSISTANCE WILL ALSO BE USED TO ESTABLISH A TRAINING CENTER FOR FARM TECHNICIANS AND TO HELP MOZAMBIQUE DEVELOP ITS STATE FARMS.  
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3. THE NORDIC ASSISTANCE WILL BE IN THE FORM OF AN INTEREST-FREE LOAN AND WILL PERMIT THE IMPORTATION OF EQUIPMENT AND SPARE PARTS DUTY FREE.

4. COMMENT: PRESS COMMENTS ON THE AID AGREEMENT NOTED THAT MOZAMBIQUE AND THE NORDIC COUNTRIES HAVE HAD A LONG

HISTORY OF "FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION," THAT THE NORDIC COUNTRIES PROVIDED FRELIMO "HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE" DURING ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM, AND THAT PRESIDENT MACHEL HAD VISITED SOME OF THE NORDIC STATES IN MAY 1977.  
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